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- 25X1 1. [redacted] prior to bombing a certain area in North Korea, United Nations aircraft will fly over the tentative target and drop leaflets to the civilians warning them that the area they are in is scheduled to be bombed that night or the next day. These leaflets are dropped as warning notices that the UN does not want to harm the civilians and request that they evacuate the target area. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] the Communist authorities have warned the civilian population not to pick up any dropped leaflets. They are told that if they are apprehended while picking up dropped leaflets or while in possession of them they will be shot or imprisoned. As a result the leaflet drops have been very ineffectual because of these drastic counter measures.
- 25X1 2. [redacted]
- 25X1 there are very few youths available for military service with the People's Army. This is due to many young men hiding out in the mountains or escaping to South Korea. Those who are drafted are picked up by the authorities under the name of "volunteers for the unification of the Chosen People's Republic".

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